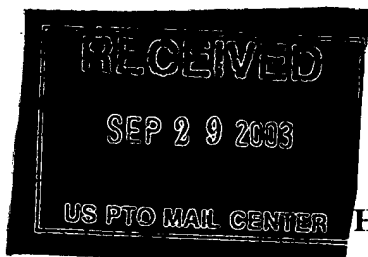


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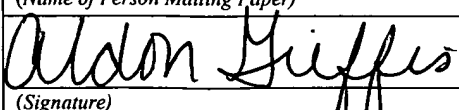
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PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.313(c)**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.313(c) for withdrawal of the above patent application after payment of the issue fee. The issue fee in this application was paid on August 21, 2003. Since payment of the issue fee, Applicant has discovered the following defects in the allowed claims:

Claim 15(b) and (d) were identical. By preliminary amendment submitted in conjunction with this Petition and the accompanying RCE, part (d) has been deleted.

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